

GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM



IMPROVED ANIMAL DISTRIBUTION SEPARATE FACILITIES SUCH AS FEED, MINERAL, WATER, AND SHADE

WHAT:

For improved animal distribution of grazing and manure separate facilities such as feed, mineral, water, and shade.

WHY:

Separating facilities encourages livestock distribution which improves: pasture utilization, manure distribution, and water quality. The manure from one animal unit is worth over \$70 if the manure is well distributed. Livestock camps develop if all facilities are in one location. These camps are concentrations of animals and manure. Vegetation is typically destroyed in camp areas. If livestock are concentrated in one location, the manure carried by runoff can potentially degrade water quality.

WHEN:

Separate facilities throughout the year.

WHERE:

Separate facilities by approximately 300' to 800'. In smaller fields spread out facilities as far apart as possible. Locate facilities to prevent trail formation, which can cause erosion and water quality impairment.

HOW:

Water and shade are typically in fixed positions, so place mineral and hay in separate locations away from water and shade. If a stream is used for water, limit access to the stream to reduce excessive loafing.

HOW MUCH:

Separate all facilities: Water, Shade, Minerals, Hay and/or Feed. CSP Enhancement payment is \$4.00 per acre per year of pasture where facilities are separated to improve animal distribution over the entire acreage.